**Shawn Opatka appointed as Executive VP and General Manager at Werum IT Solutions America**

**News Release**

**Parsippany, NJ, USA, 24 September 2019** – On 1 October 2019, Shawn Opatka assumes his new role as Executive Vice President and General Manager of Werum IT Solutions America, Inc. He succeeds Benjamin Pieritz who has worked for Werum in various positions, including Senior VP Operations and Strategic Program Manager. Benjamin Pieritz will take a sabbatical and return to Werum's global headquarters in Germany afterwards.

By promoting a manager from within its own ranks, Werum is setting course for opportunities to further expand its US business. In his previous role, Shawn Opatka has been Vice President Sales & Marketing of Werum IT Solutions America ensuring that Werum's best-in-class MES solutions deliver unrivaled customer satisfaction. Before joining Werum, he had worked for more than eight years in various management positions at Emerson in the USA.

"As an accomplished, results-driven professional with nearly 20 years of experience in the IT sector of the life science and process industries, Shawn Opatka is best suited to further expand our operations in the Americas," says Jens Woehlbier, CEO at Werum IT Solutions GmbH. "Working at Werum since 2015, he is familiar with our business and has gradually been introduced to his new responsibilities by Benjamin Pieritz. We wish Shawn continued success in his new role."

At the same time, Jens Woehlbier thanked Benjamin Pieritz for successfully managing Werum America for many years: "Benjamin Pieritz has done a great job in expanding our American business. We wish him and his family a great time and look forward to welcoming him back to Germany."

**Picture**



Shawn Opatka, new Executive Vice President and General Manager of Werum IT Solutions America, Inc.

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